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Benjamin[6] Cushing (*Joseph,*[5] *Elijah,*[4] *John,*[3] *John,*[2] *Matthew*[1]),* born at Hanover, Mass., in November 1773, died at Camden† 22 May 1864, aged 90 years, 6 months (gravestone). He married at Camden, 21 Oct. 1800, Jane Eaton, born in 1782, died at Camden 5 Aug. 1846, aged 64 years (gravestone), daughter of Joseph and Jane (McGlathry) Eaton.

Benjamin Cushing came to Camden in 1794 with his brother Joseph, and entered into trade. He was a leading and influential citizen of Camden, being postmaster from 1800 to 1830, a justice of the peace, selectman, and a representative in the Maine Legislature for one term. He was also a shipbuilder. He was a hostage on board the *Furieuse* in 1814. He was a Mason, a charter member of Amity Lodge, and its first senior deacon.

Children, born at Camden:

i. Eliza,[7] b. in 1801; d. unm. 29 Aug. 1824, aged 23 years (gravestone).

ii. Julia, b. 11 Nov. 1803; d. 19 Dec. 1869, aged 66 years (gravestone); m. at Camden Frederic C. Jacobs, b. at Camden in 1795, d. 1 Aug. 1834, aged 39 years (gravestone), son of Samuel and Margaret (McGlathry) Jacobs.

Children (surname *Jacobs*):

1. *Benjamin J.*
2. *Robert J.*
3. *Frederic C.*, b. in 1831; d. in New Orleans, La., 22 Dec. 1848, aged 17 years (gravestone).
4. *Eliza,* m. ——— Jewett.
5. *Adeline,* m. ——— Ricker.
6. *Delia W.*, b. in 1834; d. 20 May 1854, aged 20 years, 4 months (gravestone).

iii. Adeline, b. 25 July 1806; d. at Camden 25 Mar. 1896, aged 89 years, 8 months (gravestone); m. in 1827 Samuel Gray Adams, a settler at Camden in 1821, merchant, a captain in the militia, selectman, a member of the State Legislature, a deacon of the Congregational Church, b. 28 Sept. 1803, in that part of Thomaston which was set off in 1848 as South Thomaston and again in 1921 as Owl's Head, d. at Camden 2 Dec. 1872, son of Joshua and Nancy (Gray) Adams. (For a sketch of the life of Samuel Gray Adams *vide* Robinson's History of Camden, p. 413.)

The house of Samuel Gray Adams, situated on a large estate, which extended from High Street, Camden, to the summit of Mount Battie, was called "The Homestead."

*Cf. Parentage of Benjamin Cushing of Camden, Maine, in Register, vol. 88, p. 400.

†All places mentioned in this article are situated within the present limits of the State of Maine, unless another State or region is indicated in the text or may be easily inferred from the context.

Children (surname *Adams*):

1. *William Gray,* b. at what is now Owl's Head 13 Sept. 1829; d. at Camden 5 Oct. 1884; m. Lucy P. Gilkey, b. 11 Sept. 1830, d. 5 Oct. 1888. Children, b. at Camden: (1) Anita G., b. 6 Nov. 1850; d. 25 Sept. 1851. (2) William G., b. 17 Sept. 1851; d. 19 Sept. 1851. (3) George F., b. 27 Sept. 1852; d. 17 Sept. 1912; m. Minnie E. Genthner, b. in 1853, d. 11 Oct. 1917, aged 64 years (gravestone). Six children.*
2. *Joshua,* of Camden, merchant, a member of the firm of J. & B. C. Adams, 1861–1901, president of the Knox Woolen Mill, 1901–1911, president of the Megunticook National Bank, Camden, 1902–1911, b. at what is now Owl's Head 5 Oct. 1829; d. unm. at Camden 20 Mar. 1911.
3. *Benjamin Cushing,* of Camden, merchant, a member of the firm of J. & B. C. Adams, 1861–1901, president (1876–1901) and treasurer (1890–1901) of the Knox Woolen Mill, b. at what is now Owl's Head 12 Oct. 1831; d. at Camden 28 Oct. 1901; m. at Camden, 6 Nov. 1865, Sarah B. Alden, b. 7 May 1845, d. at Camden 4 Sept. 1905, daughter of Hon. Horatio and Polly (Batchelder) Alden. Children, b. at Camden: (1) Benjamin Cushing, b. 28 Apr. 1871; d. 6 Aug. 1871. (2) Frances Leland, b. 1 Apr. 1873; m. at Camden, 1 Oct. 1895, William Thompson Plummer of Philadelphia, Pa., A.B. (University of Pennsylvania, 1888), b. in 1867, living at Ardmore, Pa., in 1934. Four children.* (3) Bessie Alden, b. 1 Nov. 1875; m. 4 Nov. 1908 Charles Z. Tryon of Haverford, Pa., b. 19 Feb. 1871.† Two children.* (4) Adeline Cushing, b. 28 Mar. 1877; m. at Camden, 3 June 1901, Hugh Gordon Seymour Carrigan, b. in Philadelphia, Pa., 1 Mar. 1862, d. there 29 Apr. 1923. Three children.*
4. *Lucy Cushing,* b. at Camden 16 Feb. 1834; d. at Bangor 12 Mar. 1908; m. at Camden, 7 May 1861, Rev. Jonathan Edwards Adams, A.B. (Bowdoin, 1853), A.M. (*ib.,* 1856), D.D. (*ib.,* 1888), a graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary (1858), clergyman, educator, preceptor at St. Stephens Academy, St. Stephens, N. B., 1853–1856, ordained at Boothbay 19 Oct. 1859, minister of the First Congregational Church, Boothbay, 1858–1859, and at New Sharon, 1859–1864, for two months in 1863 in the service of the United States Christian Commission at Alexandria, Va., Washington, D. C., and Gettysburg, Pa., pastor of the First Congregational Church, Searsport, 1864–1876, life member and trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, secretary of the Maine Missionary Society and compiler of its "Reports," 1876–1895, treasurer of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, 1876–1901, trustee of the Bangor Theological Seminary, 1883–1901, overseer of Bowdoin College, 1889–1901, contributor to Maine historical magazines, b. at Woolwich 29 Apr. 1822, d. at Bangor 21 Jan. 1901, son of Rev. Jonathan and Hannah Antoinette (Clough) Adams. (See "Jonathan Edwards Adams, D.D., and Maine Congregationalism," by William Cushing Adams, 1933.) Children: (1) Samuel Gray, b. at New Sharon 2 Dec. 1862; d. 24 Sept. 1863. (2) Edwards Chase, merchant, musician, conductor of the Bangor Band, a member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, b. at Searsport 6 Oct. 1865; d. at Bangor 15 May 1904; m. at Bangor, 12 Sept. 1892, Marie Francis

†Charles Z. Tryon d. at Haverford 5 June 1935.
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Taylor, b. 22 Nov. 1869, d. at Bangor 7 Jan. 1933. Three children.* (3) Frederic Winslow, A.B. (Bowdoin, 1889), honorary A.M. (*ib.,* 1916), president of the Merchant's National Bank, Bangor, trustee of the Bangor Public Library, benefactor of many charitable institutions at Bangor, b. at Searsport 19 July 1867; d. at Bangor 3 Jully 1932; m. at Bangor, 14 Oct. 1891, Annie Ross Baker, b. 6 Feb. 1867. Three children.* (4) Maurice Thwing, b. at Searsport 12 Nov. 1868; d. at Camden 31 Aug. 1870. (5) Rev. William Cushing, a graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary (1896), A.B. (Bowdoin, 1897), S.T.B. (Harvard, 1900), minister at Andover, 1897–98, Island Falls, 1898–99, Gorham, N. H., 1900–1902, Barnstable, Mass., 1905–1908, Dover and Rochester, N. H., 1908–1911, author, contributor to various religious publications, compiler of this article, member of many literary and religious organizations, b. at Searsport 6 Sept. 1871; living unm. at Cambridge, Mass., in 1935.

5. *Cynthia Winslow,* b. at Camden 8 May 1836; d. at Searsport 9 Mar. 1901; m. at Camden, 9 Dec. 1868, Elisha Hopkins, M.D. (Harvard, 1854), physician and surgeon, a member of the Maine Medical Society, the Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants, a private in the Fourth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, enlisting in April 1861, hospital steward, appointed assistant surgeon of the Fourth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, 15 June 1861, mustered out of service in September 1861, appointed assistant surgeon of the Fourteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, in July 1862, and on duty in Louisiana, appointed surgeon of the Fourteenth Maine Volunteers in July 1864, mustered out of service 14 Jan. 1865, with the rank of major, b. at Hampden 14 Sept. 1829, d. at Searsport 6 Oct. 1911. Children (surname *Hopkins*), b. at Searsport: (1) Ella Adams, b. 8 July 1870; m. at Searsport, 11 Oct. 1906, Capt. Joseph Decrow Sweetser, master mariner, b. 27 Jan. 1867, d. at Searsport 17 July 1933. (2) Elisha, b. 22 Sept. 1874; d. at Searsport 13 Apr. 1880.
6. *Florence Johnson,* b. at Camden 4 Aug. 1838; d. at Rockland 29 June 1917; m. at Camden Frederic James Simonton, b. 24 July 1837, d. at Rockland 6 May 1913. Children (surname *Simonton*), b. at Rockland: (1) Ada Johnson, b. 8 Jan. 1867; d. at Rockland in June 1922; m. there Bert Blackington, b. 4 July 1866. (2) Frederic James, A.B. (Bowdoin, 1891), b. 26 Mar. 1869; d. at Rockland 19 Oct. 1922. (3) Horace, b. 8 Feb. 1872; d. at Rockland in January 1922. (4) Grace Adams, b. 8 Apr. 1874; m. at Rockland Ernest Boyen Young, A.B. (Bowdoin, 1892), M.D. (Harvard, 1896), instructor at the Harvard Medical School, 1908–1923, overseer of Bowdoin College, 1909–1923, a captain in the Medical Corps in the World War, b. at Brunswick 11 July 1869, d. in Boston, Mass., 17 Jan. 1923. One child.* (5) Edith Cushing, b. 1 Feb. 1878; m. Henry Bird, b. at Rockland 17 Aug. 1875. Three children.*
7. *Samuel Gray,* b. at Camden 23 Apr. 1841; d. at Camden 31 Oct. 1857.
8. *Sarah Johnson,* b. at Camden 2 Aug. 1843 (Adams Genealogy) or 7 Aug. 1843 (family record); d. at Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada, 12 Apr. 1882; m. at Camden, in 1877, Rev. Henry Martyn Parsons, B.A. (Yale, 1848), M.A. (*ib.,* 1851), D.D. (Knox (Toronto), 1888), grad-

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uate of the Hartford Theological Seminary (1854), minister, First Congregational Church, Springfield,, Mass., 1854–1871, Union Congregational Church, Boston, Mass., 1871–1874, Olivet Church, Boston, Mass., 1874–1877, Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., 1877–1880, Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada, 1880–1900, pastor emeritus, Knox Presbyterian Church, 1900–1913, b. at East Haddam, Conn., 13 Nov. 1828, d. at Toronto 14 Jan. 1913. Children (surname *Parsons*): (1) Lucy, b. at Buffalo, N. Y., 7 Jan. 1878; d. there 1 Sept. 1878. (2) Halstead Cushing, B.A. (University of Toronto, 1903), banker, b. at Toronto 23 Sept. 1880; m. Janet Sampson, b. 5 May 1879. One child.*

9. *Frances Eugenia,* b. at Camden 14 Sept. 1846; d. at St. Davids, Pa., 14 Aug. 1929; m. at Camden Reuben Leland, b. in 1845, d. at St. Davids in 1921. Children (surname *Leland*): (1) Florence, b. 19 July 1875; m. at Camden, 9 Sept. 1903, Henry Maglee Smaltz, A.B. (University of Pennsylvania, 1887), LL.B. (*ib.,* 1891), b. 10 Mar. 1867, d. at St. Davids, Pa., 9 Aug. 1914. Two children.* (2) Howard Thorndike, b. 24 Nov. 1883.
10. *Ella Adeline,* the last member of the family to live in "The Homestead," b. at Camden 28 Sept. 1852; d. at Camden 23 Apr. 1919.

iv. Sarah Winslow, b. at Camden 6 July 1811; d. at Belfast 18 Oct. 1843; m. at Camden, 25 Nov. 1839, Rev. Nathaniel Chapman officiating, Ralph Cross Johnson, son of Rev. Alfred and Sarah (Cross) Johnson, b. at Freeport 25 Sept. 1790, d. at Belfast 14 Nov. 1874. (*Vide* the Johnson genealogy, 1914, by the late Alfred Johnson, for full account of Hon. Ralph Cross Johnson, Sr., one of the wealthiest men of his time, who held important offices in city, county, and State.)

Child (surname *Johnson*), b. at Belfast:

1. *Ralph Cross,* A.B. (Harvard, 1864), LL.B. (*ib.,* 1866), "owner of a remarkable collection of paintings by old English masters, making forty visits to Europe in the interests of this collection," member of the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C., b. at Belfast 1 Sept. 1843; d. in 1923, aged 80 years; m. (1) in Boston, Mass., 21 June 1871, Rev. Martin Kellogg Schermerhorn officiating, Margaret Atherton Nichols, b. at Standish 1 Feb. 1848, d. in Boston 8 Feb. 1874, daughter of Dr. George Henry and Sarah (Atherton) Nichols of Portland and Boston; m. (2) 30 June 1879 Martha Waller, b. at Richmond, Va., 24 Dec. 1848, daughter of Logan and Mary (Winfree) Waller. Children, b. in Boston: (1) Mabel Atherton, b. 16 May 1872. (2) Infant (twin), b. and d. 8 Feb. 1874. (3) Margaret Atherton (twin), b. 8 Feb. 1874; d. at Siena, Italy, 7 Feb. 1890.

v. Lucy E., b. at Camden in May 1813; d. at Camden 27 May 1828, aged 15 years (gravestone).

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Children (surname *Adams*): 1. *William Gray,* M.D. (Harvard, 1897), house surgeon at the Boston City Hospital, 1898–9, instructor at Tufts Medical School for eight years, surgeon in charge of his own private hospital, b. in Boston 18 May 1873; d. there 2 Jan. 1919; m. in Boston, 19 Dec. 1901, Mabel Anne Cowie, b. at Webster, Mass., 12 Mar. 1873, daughter of David M. and Inez (Jillson) Cowie. 2. *Lucy,* b. in Boston in 1878; d. in Mexico about 1901; m. at Tucson, Tex., about 1900, Fred Lavis, civil engineer. 3. *Minnie Shepard,* b. in Boston 28 Feb. 1883; m. in Boston, 18 Mar. 1920, William Frank Uhl of Brookline, Mass., aged 39 years, hydraulic engineer, b. at Sebewaing, Mich., son of Frank and Katherine (Wolfe) Uhl. 4. *Maud Frances,* b. 17 Oct. 1884; d. 23 Mar. 1888. 5. *Edith Gray,* b. 27 June 1886; d. 11 Sept. 1886. 6. *Samuel George,* b. at Hyde Park 23 Apr. 1889; d. there 12 May 1902.

Children (surname *Plummer*) b. in Philadelphia: 1. *Harold,* b. 30 May 1897; d. 30 May 1897. 2. *Evelyn,* b. 12 Apr. 1901; m. 26 Apr. 1922 W. F. Harold Braun. One child: Polly Alden Braun, b. 30 Dec. 1924. 3. *Margaret Adams,* b. 14 Apr. 1904; m. 24 May 1924 W. Curtis Bok, son of Edward W. and Mary Louise (Curtis) Bok. Children: (1) Margaret Wilmot Bok, b. 25 Feb. 1925. (2) Benjamin Plummer Bok, b. 29 Sept. 1926. (3) Derek Curtis Bok, b. 22 Mar. 1930. 4. *Benjamin Clifford,* b. 31 Aug. 1908; d. 29 Mar. 1926.

Children (surname *Tryon*): 1. *Elizabeth Alden,* b. 3 Sept. 1909; m. at Haverford, Pa., 4 May 1935, Richard Wiley Ledwith. 2. *Edward K.,* 3d., b. 10 Jan. 1911.

Children (surname *Carrigan*), b. in Philadelphia: 1. *Hugh Gordon Seymour,* b. 2 Sept. 1902. 2. *Alden Adams,* b. 31 Jan. 1904. 3. *Donald Cushing,* b. 3 Jan. 1907.

Children (surname *Adams*), b. at Bangor: 1. *Jonathan Edwards,* of Bangor, merchandise broker, b. 12 July 1893; m. at Bangor, 5 June 1915, Dorothy Clement, b. 10 Nov. 1893. Children: (1) Cynthia Marie Adams, b. 11 Mar. 1916. (2) Jonathan Edwards Adams, 3d., b. 8 Sept. 1917. (3) Constance Elizabeth Adams, b. 26 June 1926. 2. *Raymond Taylor,* insurance agent, b. 19 Sept. 1899; m. (1) 26 June 1922 Rachel Leighton Bowen, S.B. (University of Maine, 1921), b. 7 June 1898, died at Bangor 5 May 1929; m. (2) at Bangor, 5 Apr. 1934, Mildred Edith Tribou, b. at Hampden 16 Feb. 1903. Child by second wife: (1) Raymond Taylor Adams, Jr., b. 21 Feb. 1935. 3. *Harry Thurston,* b. 19 Nov. 1901; d. 17 Oct. 1914.

Children (surname *Adams*), b. at Bangor: 1. *Lucy Cushing, b.* 21 Oct. 1892 m. in San Francisco, Calif., 10 June 1915, Rudolph Carl Ringwall, violinist, musician, member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, 1913–1919, member of the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music, 1915–1919, assistant conductor (1926–1934), and associate conductor since 1934, of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, b. at Bangor 19 Mar. 1891. Children: (1) Rudolph Carl Ringwall, Jr., b. at San Mateo, Calif., 24 Mar. 1916. (2) Rosamond Adams Ringwall, b. in Boston, Mass., 6 Mar. 1920. 2. *Stanley Baker,* a member of the Class of 1920, Bowdoin College, a member of the Aviation Corps in the World War, b. 6 May 1898; d. at Bangor 2 Apr. 1920. 3. *Carolyn Winslow,* b. 1 June 1899; m. at Lakewood, Ohio, 18 Aug. 1923, Joseph Daniel Garland, S.B. (Bowdoin, 1925), assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank (1929–1934), manager of R. B. Dunning Company, Bangor, since 1934, b. 4 Nov. 1899. Children: (1) Joanne Winslow Garland, b. 6 June 1926. (2) Carolyn Virginia Garland, b. 11 Jan. 1928. (3) Phillip Adams Garland, b. 3 Nov. 1931.

Child (surname *Young*): 1. *Ernest Simonton,* A.B. (Harvard, 1923), b. 14 Nov. 1901; m. at Quincy, Ill., 15 June 1935, Ellen Jaffray Castle, daughter of Alfred Lucius Castle.

Children (surname *Bird*), b. at Rockland: 1. *Frederic,* b. 1 Sept. 1907. 2. *Eleanor,* b. 10 May 1909. 3 *Theodore,* b. 7 Aug 1910.

Child (surname *Parsons*): 1. *Helen Dudley,* b. 19 Feb. 1909; m. at Toronto, Ont., 25 July 1932, Edward Waller Flahiff, M.D. (University of Toronto, 1926) D.P.H. (*ibid.,* 1930), b. 15 Apr. 1903.

Children (surname *Smaltz*), b. at St. Davids, Pa.: 1. *Henry Leland,* A.B. (University of Virginia, 1933), b. 7 May 1908. 2. *Francis Adams,* b. 17 Sept. 1910.

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